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Ironmasters Among Lincoln's Ancestors

In his own immortal words "it is altogether fitting and proper" that we pay tribute here to Abraham Lincoln, railsplitter, president and martyr, as his forebears were apparently closely identified with early American founding.

Lincoln's ancestors have been the subject of so much sentimental controversy that it is difficult to penetrate the clouds of myth surrounding them. However, enthusiastic genealogists have traced back the paternal descent to a lost or strayed member of a distinguished New England family of the same name. According to this version, these ancestors of Lincoln, natives of Massachusetts, were among America's pioneer ironmasters.

Mordecai Lincoln, great-great-grandfather of the president, was born at Hingham, Massachusetts, on June 14, 1657. He followed the trade of blacksmith at Hull, from which place he later moved to Scituate, Massachusetts, where, in 1703, history tells us "he built a spacious house and was a large contributor toward the erection of the iron works at Bound Brook." It is also recorded that Capt. Samuel Miller, a cousin of Lincoln's father, energetically operated, until the time of his death in 1830, Miller's furnace built in 1775 on Mossy Creek, Augusta County, Virginia.

LINCOLN LORE

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HINGHAM—PILGRIMAGE STATION NUMBER ONE

A general court held at "Newe Towne," Massachusetts Bay Colony, on September 2, 1635, specified the community known as "Barecove is changed and hereafter to be called Hingham." Most of the settlers in the town were from Old Hingham, England, hence the name of this New England village.

Rev. Peter Hobart and twenty-nine other citizens drew house lots in Hingham on September 18, 1635, and within a few weeks lots were granted to Thomas Lincoln, the miller, Thomas Lincoln, the weaver, and Thomas Lincoln, the cooper. A brother of Thomas, the weaver, named Samuel, disembarked at Boston, on June 20, 1637, and soon took up his residence in Hingham. Another Thomas Lincoln called the husbandman, also arrived in Hingham about this time. By the year 1638, there were eight men named Lincoln who had come from Norfolk County, England, then living in Hingham. Six of them married and left children, one was married but left no children and one was a bachelor.

Samuel Lincoln was still in his teens when he reached Hingham. The date of his marriage and the surname of his wife, Martha, are not known. There were eleven children born to this union, six sons and five daughters. Many of these children continued to make their homes in Hingham after they were married. Samuel became the progenitor of an illustrious line of descendants, among them President Abraham Lincoln, Attorney General Levi Lincoln, Governor Levi Lincoln, Junior, and Governor Enoch Lincoln.

When the two hundredth anniversary of the town of Hingham was celebrated in 1835, there were twenty-three men by the name of Lincoln on the voting list. Honorable Solomon Lincoln was the orator of the day. Fifty years later on the occasion of the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the town, Solomon's son, Solomon Lincoln, Jr., was the orator. Two of the three officers of the committee of arrangements were Lincolns.

Family Memorials

There are many memorials to the Lincolns which may be visited in Hingham and adjacent counties, and especially the old home of Mordecai Lincoln, great-great-grandfather of the President. This colonial structure, located in Scituate, was erected about 1695 and is in an excellent state of preservation.

The site of Samuel Lincoln's early home can be pointed out to the visitor. It is likely that Samuel Lincoln's remains and those of his wife are in the community burial lot in which there are deposited the ashes of the earliest settlers whose resting places were disturbed when highway construction demanded more room. A tall granite monument back of Derby Academy stands over a vault in which the remains were placed. The marker was erected in 1831 in memory of the first settlers.

Another burial place near north Scituate holds the remains of other Lincolns. Groveland Cemetery is the

name of this sacred place and over the graves of Mordecai and his second wife the tomb stones, although made of slate, are well preserved. These are the earliest of the definitely marked graves of Abraham Lincoln's forebears.

Old Meeting House

However, it is the "Old Meeting House" which seems to hold the memories and traditions which contribute most to the Lincoln atmosphere at Hingham, for in this structure Samuel Lincoln and his descendants worshiped for many generations. This seems to be a proper shrine to be designated as Station Number One on any comprehensive pilgrimage touching the important places associated with the history of Abraham Lincoln in America.

The frame of the building often called the "Old Ship Church" was erected on the days of July 26, 27, and 28th, 1681, and was completed and made ready for worship on January 8, 1682. It was the second house erected by the parish at Hingham and tradition claims much of the material in the first meeting place, which stood a short distance north of the present church, was used in the construction of the present edifice.

For fifty years, the church built in 1681 was adequate to the needs of the parish but in 1731, the side towards the cemetery was extended fourteen feet. In 1755 a similar addition was made to the street side. At the time of this second enlargement square pews were installed and first made available to the church members by an auction held on January 6, 1765, by which the new pews were allotted to the parishioners. A new pulpit was also constructed at the same time.

An impressive restoration was managed in 1930 by which the interior of the house was made to appear as it did in Colonial days. The massive hand hewn beams and curving timbers long obscured by plastered walls now allow one to observe a fine specimen of Colonial church architecture. Everything has been done that is physically possible to preserve the old structure, even the heating plant is installed in another building on the opposite side of the street.

The Parish Records are remarkably well preserved from 1712 up to date. When the church was under the jurisdiction of the town, the records relating to its activities in the early years were scattered through the town reports.

There have been but twelve ministers who have served the church from 1635 to the present day, making the length of the average pastorate twenty-five years. At the time Abraham Lincoln was president of the United States, Calvin Lincoln was minister of the Hingham church and served the congregation twenty-six years, from 1855 to 1881.

The "Old Meeting House" at Hingham, said to be "the oldest building in America continuously used for the purposes of public worship," would seem to offer an excellent atmosphere for the beginning of a tour to Lincoln memorials. Thus this old church of the Lincolns is made Station Number one in the itinerary mapped out for a Lincoln Shrine Pilgrimage.

Two Local Men Are Invited to Hingham, Mass.

That reverence for Abraham Lincoln is deep rooted throughout the world and that the sanctity of his memory runs back many generations is well illustrated by an invitation received today by J. E. Hemmick and former Postmaster William H. Conkling of Springfield to attend a service of commemoration in recognition of the three hundredth anniversary of the landing in Hingham, Mass., of Samuel Lincoln, first American ancestor of President Lincoln.

The printed invitation received by Messrs. Hemmick and Conkling sets forth that the anniversary commemoration will be held at the old meet-

ing house at Hingham—a meeting place redolent of history, and recalling the birth of the nation and the events which led up to the leadership of Abraham Lincoln and his election to the presidency from Springfield.

Mr. E. E. Whitney, business man of Hingham, Mass., is deeply interested in everything pertaining to the career and ancestry of Mr. Lincoln. He has been in Springfield a number of times gathering all material available. It was during the recent visit here that he was introduced to a number of local authorities on Lincoln by Messrs. Hemmick and Conkling, hence the invitation to attend the remarkable commemoration to be held at Hingham Sunday, June 20, at 4 p. m.

FIRST PARISH IN HINGHAM

December

1937



Denominational Loyalty

We Unitarians have been rather timid about talking much of denominational loyalty, fearful lest it should somehow impede or destroy our loyalty to the larger and more inclusive values which transcend all barriers of parish or denomination or country. But unless I am very much mistaken there is growing among us a deep conviction that the larger loyalties can only be built upon a foundation of the right kind of lesser loyalties, and within our own fellowship this means a development of loyalty to our local churches and to our denomination as essential instruments for the creation of greater values.

But there is no time to waste. The urgency of a crisis is upon us. The echoes of a trumpet call are in the air. Each in his own parish church must begin to work and to think, to give of time and money and devotion as never before, above all to teach his heart to care more deeply for the church of his birthright and of his free choice, that it may hold aloft a great light in a darkened and troubled world.

—*Frederick May Eliot.*

J. HARRY HOOPER, Minister

Church gathered in 1635. Present Meeting House built in 1681. Interior restored in 1930. It is the oldest church structure in America to have been in continuous use.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER, 1937

[Notices should be sent the Minister in writing before the 20th of the month. No responsibility will be assumed for omissions or errors when notices are not thus submitted.]



Dec. 5, Sun. Go-to-Church Sunday of the Protestant churches of Hingham. Service of worship at 10:50 a.m. On this same Sunday the Unitarian churches of the Plymouth and Bay Conference will observe Loyalty Sunday, and will exchange ministers. You have a dual reason for being present Support your church! The Rev. Wilburn B. Miller of Brockton will preach. Communion at 12. **Church School** at 9:50. **Peter Hobart Club** at 7 p.m. Debate: "Resolved: If the United States were involved in another war, we should serve willingly."

Dec. 5, Sun. Plymouth and Bay Conference holds special meeting at Bridgewater at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Frederick M. Eliot, D.D., new president of the American Unitarian Association will speak. Motor cavalcade will leave the Parish House at 6:30. If you can bring your car, notify Dr. Howard.

Dec. 7, Tues. Lend-a-Hand Club all-day meeting in the Parish House. Luncheon at 12:30, 40 cents.

Dec. 9, Thurs. Ladies Benevolent Society all-day meeting in the Parish House. Luncheon at 12:30, 35 cents. Business meeting at 2.

Dec. 12, Sun. Service of worship at 10:50 a.m. Sermon by Mr. Hooper; "The Fruits of the Spirit". **Church School** at 9:50. **Peter Hobart Club** at 7 p.m. John Brigham, former national president of the Young People's Religious Union, will speak.

Dec. 14, Tues. Fo'c's'le Club meets in the Parish House at 8 p.m. Mystery evening and Christmas tree.

Dec. 15, Wed. Hingham Branch Alliance meets in the Parish House at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Forrester MacDonald will speak on "New Interest in Old Symbols". Christmas music has been arranged by Miss Edith Lang. Tea is in charge of Mrs. Howard P. Hersey.

Dec. 16, Thurs. Lend-a-Hand Club will be guests of the South Hingham Community Lend-a-Hand Club at Wilder Memorial Hall at 3 p.m. Miss Coburn, executive secretary, will speak of her trip to the South.

Dec. 19, Sun Christmas service in the Meeting House at 10:50 a.m. Sermon by Mr. Hooper: "The Christmas Quest". Special music. Come and join in this joyful occasion. **Church School Christmas Pageant** in the Parish House at 9:50. **Peter Hobart Club** candle-light service in the Parish House at 7 p.m. Singing of Christmas carols.

Dec. 23, Thurs. Parish Christmas party in the Parish House at 7:30 p.m. Young and old are invited to join in the jollity. Santa Claus will be present. There will be a Christmas tree and carol singing. Members of the Church School will present a musical and dancing show, "Jimmy's Magic Flute" under the direction of Miss Lang.

Dec. 24, Fri. Christmas eve carol singing at various points around Hingham by members of the Peter Hobart Club. The group will meet at the Parish House at 7:30 p.m., and will return there for refreshments.

Dec. 26, Sun. Service of worship at 10:50 a.m. The Rev. Edward H. Cotton, minister of the Florence Church, Northampton, will preach in exchange with the Minister. Mr. Cotton was for many years minister of the church at Marblehead, and was contributing editor to the Christian Register. **Church School** at 9:50. **Peter Hobart Club** at 7 p.m. Several former members will tell of their experiences.

HYMN BOOKS AS MEMORIALS

Several persons in the Parish have already adopted the idea of giving copies of the new church hymnal to the Parish as a memorial. The memorial name will be inscribed on a label attached to the inside cover of each volume thus presented. It is hoped to have the new edition of the hymn book in time for use at the Christmas service. The committee receiving contributions is: Dr. Charles T. Howard, Mrs. Edwin H. Anderson, Mrs. W. Harold Mills.

FIRST PARISH DIRECTORY

Minister: Rev. J. Harry Hooper, 158 South St., Hingham. Tel. 0413.
Parish Committee: Dr. Charles T. Howard, Chairman. Tel. 0496.
Minister's Council: Heads of Parish organizations.
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Sexton: Frank W. Reed. Tel. 0706-J.
Janitor of the Parish House: Frank W. Reed. Tel. 0706-J.

While other churches are older, notably those at Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Smithfield, Virginia, the Hingham Meeting House is the only one of that age to have been used without long periods of vacancy, or to have escaped the practical ruin of its building. The Hingham congregation has worshipped regularly in the same Meeting House for nearly two hundred and sixty years, a length of time not equalled elsewhere in the country. The frame and walls of the building stand as built in 1681, except for the addition of side galleries in 1730 and 1755. The ceiling, erected in 1731, was removed when the building was restored in 1930. The curving roof timbers, which resemble the inverted hull of a ship, are probably responsible for giving to the building the name, the "Old Ship" Church. This unique roof is reproduced in the Colonial Room of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Benjamin Lincoln, Revolutionary general, and Samuel Lincoln, original American ancestor of Abraham Lincoln, worshipped in the Meeting House. Peter Hobart, the first minister, was founder of the Town. Dr. Ebenezer Gay, third minister, is known as the first American Unitarian. Dr. Henry Ware, fourth minister, was called from the Hingham pulpit to become Hollis Professor of Divinity at Harvard College, thus bringing to a head the Unitarian controversy. In over three hundred years the Parish has been served by but twelve ministers.

P. H. DAVIS
TAILORS*



FRANK W. REED
51 Middle Street
Hingham, - Mass.

June 12. 1938

Dr. Warren:

Dear Sir:

Chair No. 1 was.

brought over from Hingham England in the
year 1635 by Thos. Lincoln (The Cooper)
I think this Thomas was some relation to
Samuel Lincoln.

Chair No 2 was sent to the church in the
year 1923 and was made from oak of a tree
that was planted by Queen Elizabeth in the year
1588.

Hingham England being the place from
which Samuel Lincoln came. I thought perhaps
it would be of interest to you

Yours Respectly

Frank W. Reed

June 17, 1938

Mr. Frank W. Reed
51 Middle Street
Hingham, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Reed:

The postal cards you have sent and also the information available in your letter are quite valuable, and we are glad indeed to have for our Hingham file the data you have prepared.

We are wondering if any option has been taken as yet with reference to the Lincoln statue, the bequest of Mr. Whitney.

Has the Whitney estate been settled yet and, if so, could you tell me what disposition was made of the rather nice Lincoln collection which Mr. Whitney had?

I do not think it would be possible for me to be at Hingham again this summer, as much as I would like to, but you can be sure that whenever I am in the East, Hingham will be on my schedule.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB

Director

October 30, 1940

Mr. Frank W. Reed
51 Middle St.
Hingham, Mass.

My dear Mr. Reed:

Mr. Hine has returned from his vacation trip and brought back some very fine negatives of the Lincoln statue; also a little presentation piece from you, a picture of the old Lincoln meeting house

I want to thank you very sincerely for this little item and you may be sure it will be given a very prominent place in our collection. Thanking you again for your courtesy to Mr. Hine and the little token, I am

Very truly yours,

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August 8, 1938

Mr. Louis A. Warren, Director
Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Indiana

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HINGHAM CEMETERY

MEMORIAL

To the sorrow with which the Trustees of the Hingham Cemetery mark the passing of Everett E. Whitney is added a personal and peculiarly affectionate regard. He was elected to our number in 1926, and afterward performed also the more exacting duties of a member of our Executive Committee. We are deeply sensible of the loss of a wise and valued officer.

He was born in Hingham, although many of Mr. Whitney's earlier years were spent in Pennsylvania. But for the concluding period of his life, happily so long, he took up his abode among us, and well maintained our traditions, enhancing to us the old associations of sound principle, stalwart righteousness, upright dealing, sound purposeful endeavor in the public weal, and ever unobtrusive kindness. Such are the terms in which we recall a beloved generation that is gone, among whose numbers our friend and fellow worker is added and now takes his place.

It is unanimously voted that this resolution be spread upon the records of the Trustees of the Hingham Cemetery, and that copies be sent to the members of Mr. Whitney's family and also be published in the Hingham Journal.

June 9-16

Bay State Recalls Lincoln Legend

Hingham, Mass. (UP)—The oft-mentioned possibility that Abraham Lincoln may have visited his Hingham ancestral home 100 years ago has been revived.

The question popped back into the news when the Lincoln house here was presented to the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.

During a visit to Boston in September, 1848, Lincoln was supposed to have "vanished" for three days.

"The Lost Three Days" are discussed in Elizabeth Coatsworth's new book, "South Shore Town."

Miss Coatsworth believes Lincoln may have visited Hingham in those three days to "commune with the ghosts of his ancestors and to draw vigor from their yeoman blood."

The first ancestor of Lincoln came to Hingham from Hingham, England, in 1637. The Lincoln house, a story and a half gambrel roof cottage, was built some time later on the original land plot of the Lincoln family.

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EMIGRATED TO NEW WORLD

Will Executed in 1615 Spurred Lincoln Move

SWANTON MOBLEY, ENG.—The first ancestor of Abraham Lincoln to reach the New World was a humble weaver named Samuel, who settled in Hingham, Mass., around 1637.

A son of Edward Lincolne, who lived in Hingham, England, Samuel might well have stayed comfortably at home had not his grandfather disinherited his father and left his branch of the family penniless.

This strange will, executed by Samuel's grandfather, Richard Lincolne, in the year 1615, left his considerable estate entirely to the offspring of Richard's fourth marriage.

AS A SON OF A SON OF Richard Lincolne's first marriage, Samuel undoubtedly wished his father would have won his court battle to set aside Richard Lincolne's last will. But the suit was lost, and Samuel, instead of staying in England as a gentleman of means, apprenticed himself to a weaver to get passage money to make a fresh start in America.

The actual Lincolne will still may be found in the musty files of the office of the Norwich District Probate Registry not far from the town of Swanton Morley, where Richard Lincolne lived when he made out the will.

Recently, the discovery of an old manorial map locating every piece of property in the parish as of the year 1692, set historical researchers even more closely on the trail of Samuel Lincoln's grandfather.

SUPERIMPOSING A MODERN map of Swanton Morley over the ancient one, and deducing from property lines and long-standing landmarks, they were able to locate the boundary lines of the old Lincolne estate, as well as the site of the Lincolne mansion. It turned out to be the exact location of the Angel Inn, a tavern and hostelry in present-day Swanton Morley.

Hastening to the inn, the researchers were pleased to find a portion of the structure dating from the year 1610, when Richard was alive and presumably fussing and feuding with his son Edward.

WHILE THIS EVIDENCE of a direct ancestor of Abraham Lincoln was considered a worthy historical and genealogical find, it is not the only Lincoln memento in the area. Visitors can discover for themselves the many shops owned by Lincolns, the clubs and fraternal orders which go by the name of Lincoln, and even the large city of Lincoln nearby.

Paradoxically, nothing is known of the descendants of the lucky inheritors of Richard Lincolne's estate. From church records it can be established that they prospered for a few generations. But by the end of the 18th century, there is no further reference to this branch in the parish. Only the disinherited branch of the family went on to achieve lasting fame by giving birth in 1809 to a future American president.



LINCOLNE WILL OF 1615—C. A. Robbins, probate officer at the Norwich District Probate Registry, examines original will drawn up by Richard Lin-

colne in 1615 which disinherited President Lincoln's ancestor and caused him to come to the new world.

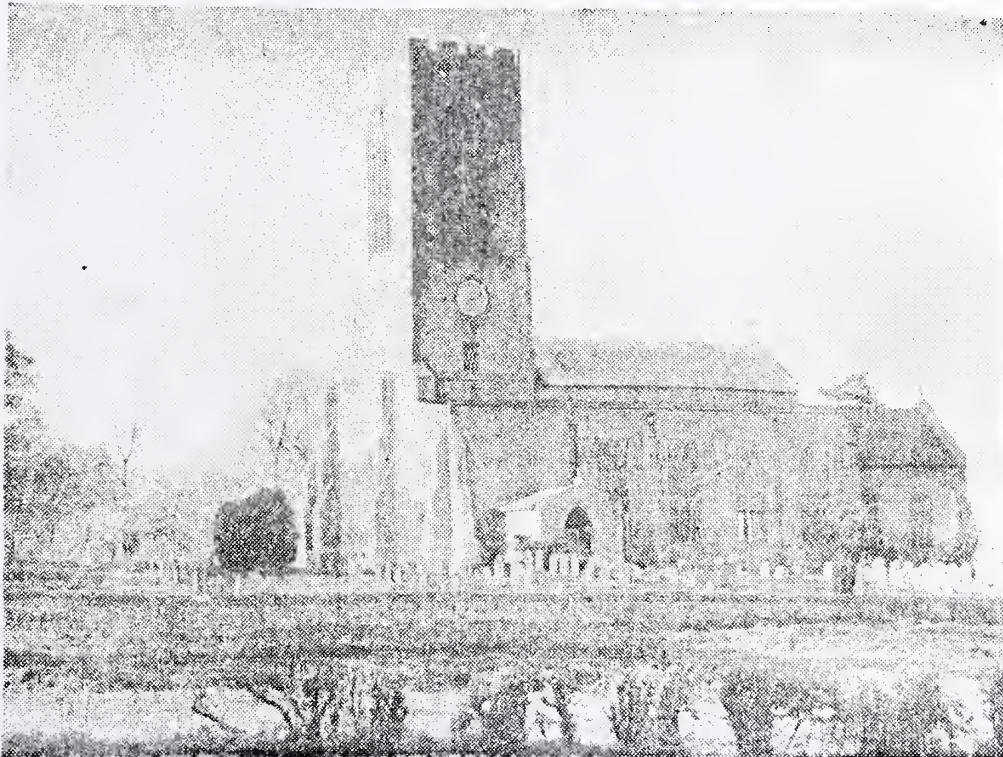


IN HINGHAM—Sign in main street of Hingham depicts the departure of Separatists from Hingham, bound for Massachusetts, where they founded Hingham, Mass.

Columbus Dispatch
February 12, 1959

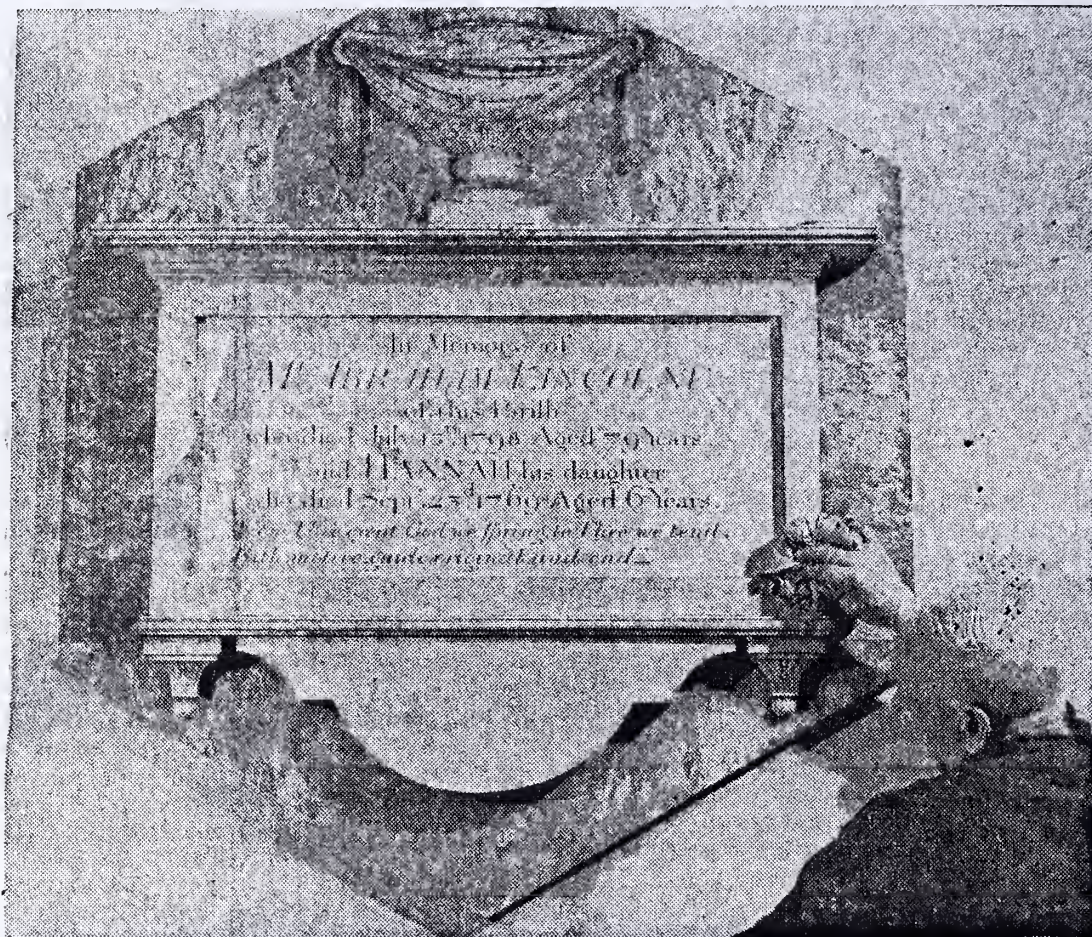


IN MEMORIAM—In Church of St. Andrew, Hingham, England, Rev. Julian Barrass, places flowers beside bust of the president, presented by U.S. citizens in 1919.



WHERE LINCOLNE PRAYED — Swanton Morley Church dates from 14th century, when Lincolne family was already

living in the region. Edward Lincolne lived in Hingham, England, and Abe's American ancestor lived in Hingham, Mass.



ANOTHER ABRAHAM — In Church of St. Andrew, Norwich, Verger James A. Kerry dusts tablet erected in memory of one Abraham Lincolne, who died on July 13, 1798, and his daughter Hannah, who died on Sept. 23, 1769, aged six years. Abraham was one of the grandchildren of Richard Lincolne.

Hingham 'attractive' to those trading up

By Davis Bushnell
Special to The Globe

HINGHAM - Settled in 1635 as Bare Cove, Hingham is today regarded as a South Shore community that has retained its quaintness while still offering a diversity of single-family housing and recreational pursuits.

Hingham, which was named for an English town, is one of four towns - Cohasset, Duxbury and Norwell being the others - that realtors say are particularly attractive to those who have outgrown starter homes and are seeking increased comfort and value.

"A prospective buyer singling out Hingham can often find something for which you would have to pay an additional \$10,000 in a community north or west of Boston," said Ben Collins of Richardson & Collins Realty Co. "And Hingham is also viewed as an elite town, a clean community in every sense that has the best school system on the South Shore," he added.

Quaintness is apparently another selling point. Louise Cobleigh, the town's historian who is better known by her maiden name of Louise Wilder, likes to head visitors in the direction of Queen Anne's Corner, the Glad Tidings plain or Weary-All Hill. Not to be overlooked either is the Old Ship Church (1681), which has been in continuous service longer than any other church in America. The church's roof, resembling the inverted hull of a ship, is a symbol of Hingham's shipbuilding days.

Main street hasn't changed dramatically since Eleanor Roosevelt toured it and called the stately section "the nicest Main street in the country," said Cobleigh, whose an-

cestors acquired Hingham land in 1637.

Cobleigh, who says she's one of the town's oldest residents, has only two misgivings about Hingham: "Buildings should never have been allowed on the waterfront, and I hope condominiums won't be a factor here as they are elsewhere."

Thus far, there is only one substantial condominium complex, The Meadows. Prices of the 50 units range from \$160,000 to \$240,000, according to Jane Carr, a principal of Hingham Centre Ltd. Realtors. Single-family home prices, she said, "generally are all over the lot. Last year, for instance, we sold one property for \$40,000, another for \$350,000."

The average home currently being sold in Hingham today is a \$150,000, three- or four-bedroom Colonial on a half-acre of one-acre parcel, said Nancy Navin of Hingham Real Estate Co. "The market is brisk, but, as is the case almost everywhere on the South Shore, there are not enough houses," she said.

There were about 35 properties on the market this week, seven of them selling between \$200,000 and \$300,000, Navin said. At the low end, there was a \$69,000 cottage; at the high, a seven-bedroom \$345,000, antique-style, situated on two and a half acres in the World's End section, overlooking the harbor.

By and large, Hingham prices "are on a par with Cohasset's and Norwell's," pointed out Mary Pecce of Jack Conway, Inc., a Cohasset realty firm. Professional people are especially attracted to the diversity of architectural styles, which run the gamut from Cape Cod and



A monument to Abraham Lincoln stands in Hingham Square with the historic North Church in the background. GLOBE FILE PHOTO.

raised and split-level ranch to Colonial and New England farmhouse.

Interest rates largely dictate who the buyers will be, Collins of Richardson & Collins explained. "When rates are between 12½ and 13½ percent, we see people moving up in house style," he said. "When rates are 14 percent and above, executives relocating to this area are the most interested buyers."

The 1978-80 period was Hingham's slowest, Collins said. "The offerings dried up and people only moved if they had to."

But in any economic climate, he said, Hingham is looked to for the schools, a progressive system encouraging students to advance as their abilities allow, and for recreation. Besides what he calls "excellent sports programs," there are reservations such as World's End, a 249-acre site designed by Frederick Law Olmsted, creator of New York City's Central Park; Wompatuck State Park, which has more than 400 campsites as well as bicycle, bridle and hiking trails; and Bare Cove Park, which appeals to fishing, hiking and cross-country skiing enthusiasts.

Hingham also has launched many a sailor. Henry W. Cook 3d, who grew up in Hingham 30 years ago and now does his sailing on the North Shore, recalled, "Hingham's protected harbor was, and is, a big plus for young sailors. The town has since greatly expanded its sailing programs, ensuring keen competition for sailors of all ages."

For history buffs, Hingham offers, in addition to the Old Ship Church, the New North Church, which once was an Abolitionist center; the Old Ordinary, home of the Hingham Historical Society

and containing an 18th century taproom; and the old Derby Academy, an 1818 structure that housed the nation's first co-educational school.

These varied attractions are why not only newcomers, but also "those who once had relatives living here" continue to seek out Hingham, said town historian Cobleigh.

HINGHAM

Incorporated: 1635

Population: 21,500 (1984 estimate; 1980 US Census was 20,750)

Conservation land: 1000 acres

Form of government: Open town meetings

Tax rate: \$24.20 per thousand

Size of houses: Two-bedroom Capes to seven-bedroom antique-style

Types of houses: Capes to ranch-styles to New England farmhouse

Condominium complex: The Meadows

Services: Electrical by Hingham Municipal Lighting; gas by Boston Gas; water, Hingham Water Co.; sewer, town and private septic systems.

Cable television: American Cablevision is in process of wiring town.

Public schools: four elementary, two junior high, one senior high

Private schools: three elementary, one senior high

Transportation: MBTA (from Quincy; Plymouth & Brockton bus service; commuter boat service, all to and from Boston.

Churches: 11 Protestant, two Catholic, one Temple

Cultural and recreational activities: Old Ship Church and Cemetery; the Old Ordinary, New North Church, Samuel Lincoln House, World's End, Wompatuck State Park, Bare Cove Park, Whitney and Thayer Woods (includes part of Cohasset), Town Forest, Triphammer Pond, indoor skating arena, three sailing clubs, two public libraries.



A sailboat is framed by pines at World's End park designed by Frederick Law Olmsted. GLOBE PHOTO BY STAN GROSSFELD

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Six private historic homes included in Hingham tour

The Boston Globe

June 4, 2006

HINGHAM -- The Historical Society will showcase some of the oldest homes and buildings in town next Sunday at its annual fund-raiser.

The six private homes that will be open to the public were built in the 17th century to 19th century. The General Benjamin Lincoln Homestead, from 1667, is furnished with Lincoln artifacts. The 1721 Samuel Lincoln House was owned by Abraham Lincoln's ancestors.

The tour also includes the Old Ordinary House Museum, the 1681 Old Ship Church, the 1807 New North Church, the 1818 Old Derby Academy, and Hingham Cemetery.

Antique quilts will also be on display. Tickets are \$20 in advance at shops in Hingham, or \$25 on tour day after 10 a.m. at the Old Ordinary, 21 Lincoln St. For information, visit www.hinghamhistorical.org.

CAROLYN Y. JOHNSON ■

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Hingham getting set to honor the Lincolns

Annual celebration in Hingham coming up Feb. 6

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HINGHAM — The Hingham Historical Society is inviting South Shore families to the annual Lincoln Day celebration, which will be held Feb. 6, starting at 11 a.m. at Old Ship Church, 90 Main St.

The lives and deeds of Hingham native and Revolutionary War hero General Benjamin Lincoln and President Abraham Lincoln, whose ancestors first settled in Hingham in 1637, will be celebrated.

University of Virginia history professor David Mattern, author of the book "Benjamin Lincoln and the American Revolution" will be a keynote speaker.

The Lincoln Day event, first held in 1976, features a parade and ceremony. A number of military organizations, including the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, once commanded by General Lincoln, take part.

The participants will also include re-enactors from the Massachusetts 22nd and 54th Volunteer Infantry and people from the Society of the Cincinnati, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, and the military wing of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Traditionally, several military groups muster briefly at 10:15 a.m. at the Hingham Memorial Bell Tower near Old Ship Church to fire a salute toward Benjamin Lincoln's tomb in Hingham Cemetery.

The church ceremony will feature patriotic songs and historical American music performed by Hingham High School's Choral Spectrum.

Later, there will be a short parade on Main Street to Fountain Square so commemorative wreaths can be placed at the foot of the bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln.

The Hingham 375th Anniversary Committee will then provide warm beverages and light refreshments during a reception at Old Derby Academy, 34 Main St.

The event is free. For more information, call the historical society at 781-749-7721.

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THE TOWN
OF
HINGHAM
MASSACHUSETTS
ITS EARLY SETTLERS



1633

RALPH SMITH
NICHOLAS JACOB
HENRY GIBBS

EDMUND HOBART, Sr.
JOSHUA HOBART
THOMAS LINCOLN, *Weaver*

1634

THOMAS CHUBBUCK JOSEPH ANDREWS
And others

1635

Rev. PETER HOBART

JONAS AUSTIN
NICHOLAS BAKER
CLEMENT BATES
RICHARD BETSCOME
BENJAMIN BOZWORTH
WILLIAM BUCKLAND
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THOMAS JOHNSON
ANDREW LANE
WILLIAM LARGE

THOMAS LORING
GEORGE LUDKIN
JEREMY MORSE
WILLIAM NOLTON
JOHN OTIS
DAVID PHIPPENY
JOHN PALMER
JOHN PORTER
HENRY RUST
JOHN SMART
FRANCIS SMITH
JOHN STRONG
HENRY TUTTIL
WILLIAM WALTON
THOMAS ANDREWS
WILLIAM ARNALL
GEORGE BACON

NATHANIEL BAKER
THOMAS COLLIER
GEORGE LANE
GEORGE MARSH
ABRAHAM MARTIN
NATHANIEL PECK
RICHARD OSBORN

THOMAS WAKELEY
THOMAS GILL
RICHARD IBROOK
WILLIAM COCKERUM
WILLIAM COCKERILL
JOHN FEARING
JOHN TUCKER

1636

JOHN BEAL, Sr.
ANTHONY EAMES
THOMAS HAMMOND
JOSEPH HULL
RICHARD JONES
NICHOLAS LOBDIN
RICHARD SANGER
JOHN LEAVITT
THOMAS LINCOLN, Jr.,
 Miller
THOMAS LINCOLN, Cooper

ADAM MOTT
THOMAS MINARD
JOHN PARKER
GEORGE RUSSELL
WILLIAM SPRAGUE
GEORGE STRANGE
THOMAS UNDERWOOD
SAMUEL WARD
RALPH WOODWARD
JOHN WINCHESTER
WILLIAM WALKER

1637

THOMAS BARNES
JOSIAH COBBIT
THOMAS CHAFFE
THOMAS CLAPP
WILLIAM CARLSLYE
THOMAS DIMOCK
VINTON DREUCE
THOMAS HETT
THOMAS JOSH LIN
AARON LUDKIN
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RALPH SMITH
THOMAS TURNER
JOHN TOWER
JOSEPH UNDERWOOD
WILLIAM LUDKIN
JONOTHAN BOZWORTH

SAMUEL LINCOLNE, Sr.

1638

Mr. ROBERT PECK
JOSEPH PECK
EDWARD GILMAN
JOHN FOULSHAM
HENRY CHAMBERLAIN
STEPHEN GATES
GEORGE KNIGHTS
THOMAS COOPER
MATTHEW CUSHING
JOHN BEAL, Jr.
FRANCIS JAMES
PHILIP JAMES

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THOMAS LINCOLN
JEREMIAH MOORE
Mr. HENRY SMITH
BOZOAN ALLEN
MATTHEW HAWKE

WILLIAM RIPLEY

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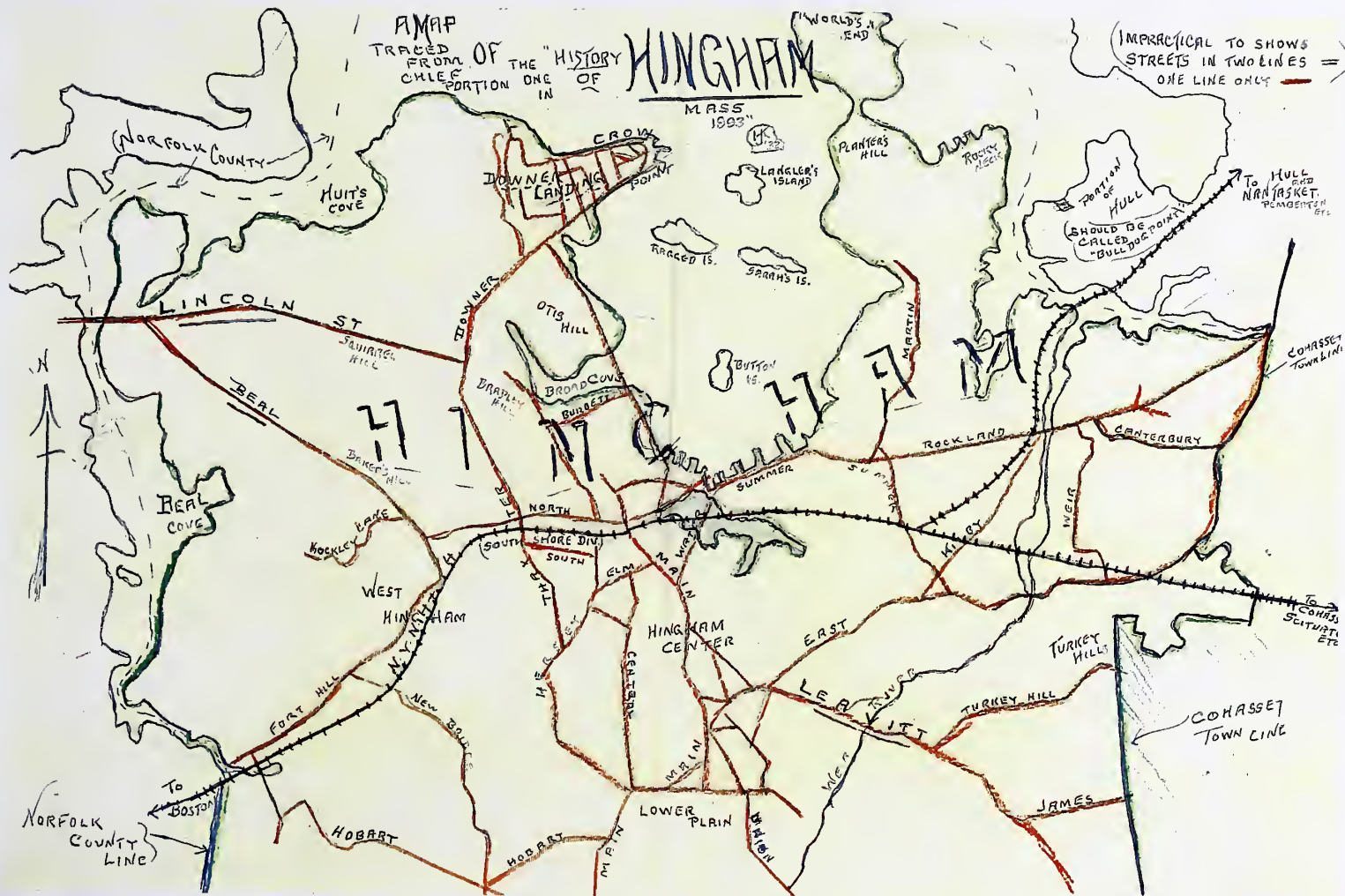
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SAMUEL STOWELL

1653

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